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The Environmental Loans E-Bulletin is written by staff in the WI DNR Environmental Loans Section to provide up-to-date information on both the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. This E-Bulletin will replace the "Updates" which have been used in the past to get timely information to our customers. These E-Bulletins will be sent out periodically to alert you to upcoming deadlines, highlight program changes and provide assistance on topics that need clarification.

SFY 2013 Principal Forgiveness Allocation Formula Announced

The Environmental Improvement Fund expects to have Principal Forgiveness (PF) funds available for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013 in the amounts of \$3,181,193 for the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and \$4,642,200 for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). In order to best allocate these funds consistent with the EPA intent that they be directed to communities with the greatest need, we revised the distribution method for PF to provide more weight to smaller communities with lower Median Household Incomes (MHIs).

Specific changes include:

- Changing the PF formula percentage to 0%, 15%, 30%, 45% and 60% of project costs
- Providing 10% add-ons for the following categories:
 - Green Tier Legacy communities
 - SDWLP projects that provide disinfection to systems currently not receiving disinfection as a treatment technology
- Eliminating the automatic minimum award of 10% for all eligible communities
- Capping the PF funds any one municipality can receive at \$500,000
- Maintaining the statutory requirement in s. 281.58(8)(g), Wis. Stats., that no project can receive PF for more than 70% of project costs.

The formula includes awarding no points to communities with an MHI of greater than 140% of the state's MHI (currently at \$51,598) combined with a population of 15,000 or greater. The table on page 2 details the points that would be awarded.

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Formula for SFY 2013 Principal Forgiveness

The formula for calculating principal forgiveness is outlined below. Total score is calculated by adding the population points and the MHI points. Communities could receive principal forgiveness awards of 0%, 15%, 30%, 45% or 60% of total project costs* with a cap of \$500,000 and the caveat that no project can receive PF for more than 70% of project costs.

If you have questions regarding the Principal Forgiveness Allocation Formula, please contact Becky Scott at 608-267-7584 or rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov.

* Communities awarded principal forgiveness funds could be eligible for an additional 10% of principal forgiveness if they are a Green Tier Legacy Community and/or have a SDWLP project that provides disinfection treatment to their system.

Population Points + MHI Points = Total Points

Points	Population
0	= 15,000+
2	= 10,000 – 14,999
5	= 8500 – 9999
10	= 5000 – 8499
15	= 3000 – 4999
20	= 2000 – 2999
25	= 1500 – 1999
30	= 1000 – 1499
35	= 500 – 999
40	= 250 – 499
50	= 0 - 249

Points	MHI Percent
0	= 141%+
2	= 126-140%
5	= 116-125%
10	= 106-115%
15	= 101-105%
20	= 96-100%
25	= 91-95%
30	= 86-90%
40	= 81-85%
50	= 76-80%
60	= 71-75%
70	= 66-70%
85	= 61-65%
100	= <61%

Total Points	% PF (excluding add-ons)
0-29	= no PF (not eligible for add-on)
30-54	= 15%
55-79	= 30%
80-99	= 45%
100-150	= 60%

Conditional Principal Forgiveness:

With the 2012 Legislative session ending early, we were unable to obtain passage of enabling legislation authorizing the Department to make SFY 2013 Principal Forgiveness awards. Therefore, we will issue SFY 2013 loans with “conditional principal forgiveness”.

If the enabling legislation is passed, consideration of which is anticipated early in the 2013 legislative session, the amount specified in the loan as the “conditional principal forgiveness amount” would become principal forgiveness. Until then, loans would have to be underwritten assuming no principal forgiveness is included.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

June 30, 2012: SFY 2013 SDWLP Applications

June 30, 2012: CWFP Hardship Applications

July 1, 2013: Start of SFY 2013

September 30, 2012: SFY 2013 CWFP Principal Forgiveness Applications

December 31, 2012: SFY 2014 SDWLP and CWFP Intent To Apply/Priority Evaluation and Ranking Forms

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL CME PRIOR TO YOUR PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING!

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Reminder: Environmental Review Submittals Now Required with SDWLP Application

A new Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Financial Assistance Application (Form 8700-262) is now available on our Forms and Publications web page at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/FORMS/forms.html>.

There are some new requirements for a complete SDWLP application. Please look through the checklists on pages 1 and 2 in the revised application form and note that all SDWLP applications submitted for SFY 2013 must include the following environmental review documentation with the initial submittal by June 30. Any costs associated with the Environmental Review may be included in the project budget in your application.

- A **copy of Endangered Resources Review Request** (Form 1700-047 or 1700-047E), as submitted to the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources, if your project includes **any** ground disturbance. More information and a link to the form are available on DNR's Endangered Resources Review web page at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/Review.html>.
- A **copy of Request for SHPO Comment and Consultation on a Federal Undertaking** (Form HP-05-07), as submitted to the Wisconsin Historical Society. More information and a link to the form are available on the Wisconsin Historical Society's NHPA § 106 Submittal Instructions web page at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp/protecting/instructions.asp>

DNR New Web Site Debuts!

The DNR unveiled a new web site for the public. The new site features an easy Google search appliance, options to sign up for automatic delivery of information and more photos. Information is organized around four main topics: Outdoors and Nature; Business and Government; Environment and Health; and help for Landowners. Check it out at <http://dnr.wi.gov/>!

WHAT'S COMING:

SFY 2013 Project Priority Lists

We anticipate the SFY 2013 SDWLP Project Priority List will be available in mid-April. Projects will be listed in priority score order and letters will be mailed to municipalities confirming each project's score. Once the letters are mailed, municipalities will have 30 days to submit additional information if needed before the Final Project Priority List is published.

The CWFP Final Project Priority List will be published by the end of April.

Video Training

The EL Section is working on brief (5 minute) video trainings to be put on the EL web site on various topics in the CWFP and the SDWLP. If you have topics that you would like to see added to our list, please contact Cindy Wheeler at cindy.wheeler@wisconsin.gov.

Initial topics include:

- Why project descriptions matter!
- Change order documentation
- Disbursement requests
- Closeouts
- Funding Sources

Next E-Bulletin focus:

The Needs Survey Needs Your Help!